

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2019

Chairman Hentschel called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Governmental Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES, EXERCISES OR INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Matthew French, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT: Gordie LaPointe, Ron Clous, Brad Jewett, Betsy Coffia and Rob Hentschel

EXCUSED: Addison Wheelock, Jr. and Bryce Hundley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

Minutes of July 24, 2019 Study Session

Moved by Jewett, seconded by LaPointe to approve the minutes listed above. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people addressed the Commissioners during Public Comment:

**Brenda Rush  
David Petrove  
Stan Verheul  
Emily Magner  
Bruce Moore  
Anna Norris  
Kyle Jasper  
Roberta Meserve  
Rick Brown  
Kelly Thayer  
Tom Mair  
Amy Yee  
Ann Rogers  
Marty Alvarez  
Holly Bird  
Kate Dahlstrom  
Nick Beadleston  
Jay Prange  
Lynn Larson  
Thomas Peters  
Autumn Sleder**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Remove 11c, Census Resolution and 11d, Line 5 Resolution.

Moved by Clous, seconded by Coffia to approve the agenda minus items 11c and 11d.  
Motion carried.

Commissioners took a break at 8:59 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:08 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The purpose of the Consent Calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission, staff or the public may ask that any item on the Consent Calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

If any item is not removed from the consent calendar, the action noted (receive & file or approval) is approved by a single Commission action adopting the consent calendar. All Information identified on the Consent Calendar can be viewed in its entirety at [www.grandtraverse.org](http://www.grandtraverse.org)

A. RECEIVE AND FILE

1. County Treasurer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report
2. Department of Health and Human Services minutes of May 29, 2019
3. Department of Health and Human Services minutes of June 25, 2019
4. Employee Recognition – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 – *Removed from calendar.*

B. APPROVALS

1. Resolution 108-2019  
Boards and Committees  
Jury Board  
Appointment
2. Resolution 109-2019  
Health Department  
Munson Medical Center  
Healthy Futures RN Care Coordination Services
3. Phone/Local/Long Distance Service Contract – *Removed from calendar.*

4. Resolution 110-2019  
Commission on Aging  
Cherry One Transportation, LLC  
Ride on Taxi, LLC  
Transportation Contracts
5. Resolution 111-2019  
Boards and Committees  
911 Central Dispatch Board of Directors  
Appointments
6. MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report – *Removed from calendar.*

ACTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR

After the County Clerk read the Consent Calendar for the record, the following items were removed:

b-3	Page 32	By LaPointe
b-6	Page 53	By LaPointe
a-4	Page 17	By Coffia

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Clous to approve the Consent Calendar minus items a-4, b-3, and b-6.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, Excused 2

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- a. **Networks Northwest Annual Report Presentation**  
Matt McCauley gave the annual Networks Northwest Report Presentation.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

**a-4 Employee Recognition – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019**

Commissioner Coffia read the names of the employees being recognized the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019.

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to Receive and File a-4, Employee Recognition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019. Motion carried.

**b-3 Phone Local/Long Distance Service Contract**

Ming Mays, IT Director, explained request and answered Commissioners' questions.

Resolution 112-2019  
IT  
AT&T  
Phone Local/Long Distance Service Contract

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Jewett to approve Resolution 112-2019. Motion carried.

**b-6 MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report**

Moved by Coffia, seconded by Jewett to move the discussion of the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report to a future meeting that a representative from MERS can attend to answer questions. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT ACTION ITEMS

**a. Administration**

- 1) Letter to Grand Traverse Band Requesting to Open Discussions about 2% Disbursements

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by Clous to direct staff to send a letter to the Grand Traverse Band requesting to enter into discussions about the way 2% funds are distributed and to request the GT Band bring forth any other agreements with the County that we may be handling differently that they think we should. Motion carried.

Moved by LaPointe, seconded by Jewett that until something changes between the County Board and the Tribe's current 2% Funds Allocation agreement, we will retain the status quo for 2% funds allocation process for the upcoming grant cycle.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 3, No 2

Nay: Clous and Hentschel

Motion failed\*\*

\*\* According to legal counsel, the action must pass by a majority of members elected and serving which would be 4 affirmative votes.

Commissioners took a break at 10:02 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:12 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**a. Drain Commission Update**

Steve Largent, Drain Commissioner, gave an update on the status of the County drains.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hentschel requested that they move discussion of the DARE car up on the agenda business because Mr. Moody needed to leave soon.

**a. DARE Car**

Wayne Moody, Director of NMC Automotive Program explained the request to use the old DARE vehicle at events to promote the DARE program.

Mike Shay, Undersheriff, indicated that since the DARE program is no longer active, the Sheriff would like "Grand Traverse County" wording removed from the vehicle.

Moved by Hentschel, seconded by LaPointe to direct staff to execute an agreement with NMC automotive program for the services of displaying the vehicle at events and parades to promote the DARE message in exchange for possession of the car contingent on there being no objection from the Sheriff before the October meeting. Motion carried.

**b. 2018 Audit Presentation**

Peter Haefner, Vredevelt Haefner LLC, gave a brief highlight of the 2018 audit and answered Commissioners questions.

**c. United States Census Resolution – removed from agenda.**

**d. Enbridge Line 5 Resolution – removed from agenda.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioners gave updates on meetings and events they attended.

NOTICES

**August 14 – Ethics Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.**

**August 18-20, 2019 – MAC Annual Conference**

**August 21, 2019 regular session**

**August 28, 2019 Study Session – Economic Development Corporation and TIF 97**

CLOSED SESSION

**Marilyn Palmer Jail Suicide Incident**

Moved by Clous, seconded by Coffia to go into closed session at 11:24 a.m. to consult with our attorney regarding settlement and facilitation in connection with the potential lawsuit involving the death of Marilyn Palmer pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act since discussion in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating and settlement position of the County.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, Excused 2

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to return to regular session at 11:48 a.m.

**Marilyn Palmer Jail Suicide Settlement**

Moved by Jewett, seconded by Coffia to accept the settlement offer as recommended by counsel in closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5, Excused 2

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Bonnie Scheele, County Clerk

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Rob Hentschel, Chairman

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Initials)

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